GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA

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STATISTICAL DATA
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the statistics recorded and available relating to various categories are not as per actuals;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to have the statistics as per actuals;

(c) whether the Government propose to take up a massive project for modernisation of Indian Statistical System with the World Bank assistance;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have received any report on re- structuring of National Sample Survey Organistion; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to implement the recommendations made in the said report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS & PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b) India has a decentralised statistical system and different Ministries, Departments and other agencies of both Central and State Governments compile statistics as per requirement either from administrative records or through censuses and sample surveys. These statistics are subject to sampling and /or non-sampling errors. There are, however, several statistical techniques and other measures to control such errors and the improvement of statistical system is a continuous process.

(c) & (d) The Government has provided an enabling provision of Rs. 120 crores in the plan budget for the year 2000-01 pending formal approval of the project to modernise Indian Statistical system with the assistance of World Bank.

(e) Yes, Sir; the Government has received the report of the Expert Committee appointed to review the functioning of National Sample Survey Organisation.

(f) The project proposal for the modernisation of Statistical System of India with the assistance of World Bank has been formulated after taking into account the recommendations of the Expert Committee.